

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 561 - SB 623**

February 26, 2019

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Encourages public school teachers to develop skills necessary to address the needs of English language learners. Requires the State Board of Education (SBE) to provide professional development credit to a teacher who successfully completes a foreign language course. Requires SBE to apply the professional development credit earned toward the credits required to advance or renew a license. Requires SBE to develop policies governing the timeline, documentation, notification requirements, and measurement requirements related to the completion of a foreign language class and its application toward professional development credit.

Authorizes local boards of education and charter school governing bodies to grant one day of in-service credit to a teacher who successfully completes a foreign language course. Requires local boards and charter school governing bodies to develop policies pursuant to in-service credit for teachers who successfully complete foreign language courses. Prohibits any limitation on the number of teachers who are eligible to receive in-service credit for successfully completing a foreign language course.

Requires SBE to develop policies to allow a teacher with an active endorsement in one or more foreign languages approved by SBE to teach a foreign language course to other teachers. Requires SBE to approve each course taught for this purpose and authorizes teachers who teach a foreign language class approved by SBE to receive additional professional development credit for teaching the course.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- The Department of Education (DOE) and SBE will be able to comply with the proposed legislation using existing resources without a significant impact to expenditures.
- DOE and SBE will be able to amend their policies in accordance with the provisions of this legislation, including any necessary changes in processes and procedures, during the normal course of business; therefore, any fiscal impact is estimated to be not significant.
- No significant impact to state or local operations.

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**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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